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In re PATENT APPLICATION of

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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Hon. Asst. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 26, 1999 please amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please amend claims 62 and 64 as follows:

Claim 62, line 9, replace "with" with - - by use of - -.

Claim 64, line 4, replace "with" with - - by use of - -.

Please add new claims 65 - 299 as follows:

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 - - 65. A compound comprising at least one increased binding energy hydride ion having a binding energy greater than 0.8 eV and at least one other element.

